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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES FY 1977-81

REF: STATE 15489

1. THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NICARAGUA IS JUSTIFIED
FOR FOUR REASONS:

A. UNDER CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTINGENCIES, THE GUARDIA
NACIONAL, THE COUNTRY'S ONLY ARMED FORCE, WOULD PLAY A MAJOR
AND POSSIBLY THE DECISIVE ROLE IN DETERMINING THE OUTCOME. ITS
ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UNITED STATES ARE THEREFORE IMPORTANT.

B. THE GUARDIA'S ABILITY TO CONTAIN TERRORISM AND
INSURGENCY ARE IMPORTANT IN KEEPING THIS AREA OF "AMERICA'S
BACKYARD" FREE OF PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE THE DISTRACTION
OF OUR ATTENTION FROM MAJOR PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE.

C. THE GUARDIA'S PROFESSIONALIZATION AND EXPOSURE TO U.S.
IDEAS AND PHILISOPHIES SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN ADVANCING RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

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D.MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN

THE GURDIA AND THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IS ALSO USEFUL IN PRESRVING
THE ASCENDENCY OF U.S. MILITARY DOCTRINES WITHIN THE GUARDIA.

2. FOR THESE REASONS I AM CONVINCED THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE
MODEST PROGRAM OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDED IN THE CASP
IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. AT THE SAME TIME I FULLY CONCUR IN
THE CUT-OFF DATE OF FY-1978 FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE.

3. I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THE LARGE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,
BOTH U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON
SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS. CERTAINLY, THE GON HAS NOT,
AS A RESULT OF LARGE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DIVERTED ITS OWN
FUNDS FROM RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASED MILITARY
PROCUREMENT.

4. NICARAGUA IS BELIEVED TO RECEIVE MINIMAL THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY
ASSISTANCE.
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